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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Attached is an article in the 29 August issue of World of which you should be aware. (World is a new monthly magazine venture of Norman Cousine, recently frozen out of his lifetime Saturday Review podium.) As you can see, the article carries Senator Symington's by-line (though I doubt seriously if he actually drafted it). Also, he reheats the old chestnut about four U.S. administrations initiating and carrying out programs in Laos "without any real Congressional knowledge" -- a charge that squares ill with the fact that few officers in the Executive Branch ever knew as much about the details of the U.S. Government's evolving Laos programs as did Symington himself.

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Attachment

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